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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
Box Patent Application
Washington, D.C. 20231

Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 CFR 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ATTACHING CONNECTIVE TISSUES TO BONE
USING A KNOTLESS SUTURE ANCHORING DEVICE

and invented by:

Foerster et al.If a **CONTINUATION APPLICATION**, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.: _____Enclosed are **Application Elements**:

- ☒ Filing Fee
- ☒ Specification having 43 page(s) and including the following:
- ☒ Title of the Invention
 - ☐ Cross References to Related Applications (if applicable)
 - ☒ Background of the Invention
 - ☒ Brief Summary of the Invention
 - ☒ Description of the Drawings
 - ☒ Description of the Preferred Embodiment
 - ☒ Claim(s) as Classified Below
 - ☒ Abstract of the Disclosure
- ☒ 9 Sheets of Drawings(s) (37 CFR 113) ☒ Formal ☐ Informal
- ☒ Oath or Declaration ☒ Executed ☐ Unexecuted
- ☐ Copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (for continuation/divisional application only)
- ☒ Power of Attorney ☒ Executed ☐ Unexecuted
- ☐ Copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (for continuation/divisional application only)
- ☐ Incorporation By Reference -- The entire disclosure of the prior application from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under the above entry, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
- ☐ Computer Program in Microfiche (Appendix)

Accompanying Application Parts

- ☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheets & documents(s))
- ☐ The prior application is assigned of record to _____
- ☐ Copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (for continuation/divisional application only)
- ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(B) Statement (when there is an assignee)
- ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)

- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of ___ IDS Cited Reference(s)
☐ Preliminary Amendment
☒ Acknowledgment postcard
☒ Application is entitled to Small Entity Status.
☒ Application Data Sheet
☒ Request of NON-PUBLICATION of Application
☒ Certificate of Mailing by Express Mail
☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)

Fee Calculation and Transmittal

*The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended by the accompanying preliminary amendment noted above.

CLAIMS AS FILED					
For	#Filed	#Allowed	#Extra	Rate	Fee
Total Claims	30	- 20 =	10	X \$ 18.00	\$ 180.00
Independent Claims	3	- 3 =	0	X \$ 84.00	\$ 0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					\$ 0.00
BASIC FEE					\$ 740.00
SUBTOTAL					\$ 920.00
(Application is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27) adjusted small entity status claim fees [rate ÷ 2] SMALL ENTITY STATUS					YES \$ 460.00
OTHER FEE (specify purpose)				Assignment Recordation Fee	\$ 40.00
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Respectfully Submitted,



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1. Transmittal letter;
2. Specification/Claims/Abstract 43 pages
(Specification & Abstract / 36 pages; Claims 30 / 7 pages);
3. 2 sheets of ~~3~~ formal drawings; *183*
4. Declaration for Patent Application;
5. Application Data Sheet;
6. Assignment with Recordation Cover Sheet;
7. Request for Non-Publication;
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Each of the 9 above-identified documents are enclosed herewith.

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REQUEST FOR NON-PUBLICATION OF APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 213(a)

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby request that the above-referenced patent application, filed concurrently herewith, **NOT BE PUBLISHED** under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b). In making this request, applicants certify that the invention disclosed in the application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at 18 months after filing.

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